



BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION BOARD MINUTES

September 24, 2010

*Found but not approved
Per Election Commission
Meeting 6/1/2010*

Present: Bill Williams, Chairman
E J Miller, Member
Robert Balfe, Secretary
Amy Huston, Coordinator
Sharon Rose, Staff
Kim Umphres, Staff
Tena O'Brien, County Clerk
Kris James, County Clerk's Office
Tom Sissom, Press

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The media was notified and Tom Sissom of the Benton County Daily Record attended.

Chairman Bill Williams called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Williams stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Amy Huston presented an order for November polling locations.

Huston gave one (1) Provisional Ballot to Kris James from the September 21, 2010 election. Huston asked Kris James if the County's office had any more absentees. James stated there maybe one (1) and will check when she gets back to the office.

Miller asked when certification would be held. Williams stated it would be Monday, September 27, 2010 at 9:30 AM. Williams stated it would be a \$25 meeting because it is an established policy if only documents are signed.

Huston stated the September 21, 2010 went well and had no problems. General Election is on schedule for November 2, 2010.

Williams stated he received a request from two (2) individuals for personal employment information. Williams responded to these individuals in two (2) separate letters.

Williams stated that there were items on the budget that had been changed. Reason being that the Election Commission has to plan for a building to equip and occupy without knowing what the building will be and electronic poll books.

There was a discussion on the 2011 budget and adjustments were made.

Williams is scheduled to go to Little Rock to meet with Tim Humphries, Carter Hawkins and Susan Inman the week of September 27th to suggest to them statue changes, assistance on poll books and other items that the commissioners have of interest.

Williams stated that the State Board of Election Commissioners has elected not to reimburse the Election Commission for the G&A that they were billed. Williams spoke with George Spence, County Attorney, and he is exploring the options.

Miller questioned Siloam Springs billing. Williams stated that the City of Siloam Springs said they would be able to pay \$5000. Williams asked them to submit a letter and he would bring it to the commission. A letter has not been received as of the above date. Miller requested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Williams asked Huston to contact Siloam Springs on their status.

Miller suggested Prairie Creek to be a polling location for early voting. Huston stated she and the clerk's office were working together on this project. Huston said Bella Vista so far is one site for early voting.

Williams stated that he would like to move the commissioners meetings to 9:30 AM. Miller and Balfe agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Robert C. Balfe, Secretary

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